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REF: OIA-5725

Dear Rowan

### **Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of Monday 2 September, 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*The current status of the project to electrify the rail line between Papakura and Pukekohe. Please include any relevant business cases and expected start/completion dates.*

The current status of the Papakura to Pukekohe Rail Corridor Improvement project (the Project) project is summarised as follows:

The Project is managed by KiwiRail with the oversight of Auckland Transport (AT). In December 2018 the NZ Transport Agency approved \$4.98 million of funding towards the Project. Since then, KiwiRail has established a project team that is in the process of developing detail designs and costings. An international consultancy has also been engaged by AT to prepare a business case.

A full funding application for the project is expected to be submitted by AT, along with a detailed business case (DBC), for consideration by the Transport Agency Board in December 2019. For more information about this process, and the DBC, please contact AT's Strategic Development Manager – Rail, Damian Flynn, by email at [damian.flynn@at.govt.nz](mailto:damian.flynn@at.govt.nz).

In terms of the key dates, I can advise that the Project began in earnest at the beginning of 2019. The Project is scheduled to be completed before the City Rail Link is opened in 2024; however, until a DBC has been finalised, this timeframe is indicative only.

Please note that there are no documents that fall within the scope of your request at this time. Accordingly, your request for documents, such as 'any relevant business case', has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by phoning 0800 802 602 or through its website at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Brian Blackwell, Rail Advisor, by email to [brian.blackwell@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:brian.blackwell@nzta.govt.nz) or on 021 578 218.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Robyn Elston**  
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